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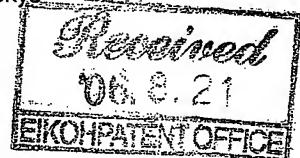
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The subject matters of claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 are neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.

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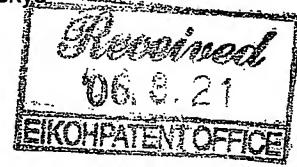
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<p>The subject matters of claims 1, 3 and 4 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1 describes an invention of the method for mounting and assembling a power unit, wherein a first step for assembling a power unit into a sub-frame via a mounting mount, a second step for installing the sub-frame on a vehicle body frame, and a third step for supporting the power unit via the mount are performed in sequence.</p> <p>Documents 2 and 3 describe an invention of the method for mounting and assembling a power unit, wherein the power unit is supported at the vehicle body frame via the mount, and is connected between the sub-frame installed on a vehicle body frame and the power unit via a nearly horizontal torque rod. Document 2 describes an invention of the mount having a member to be supported, a supporting member, and mount rubber interposed between the member to be supported and the supporting member that face each other. Document 4 describes an invention in which the rubber capacity of two mounts is changed.</p> <p>Since documents 1-4 belong to the same technical field of "the method for mounting and assembling a power unit," a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of supporting a power unit at a vehicle body frame and via a torque rod, and of applying the mount described in document 2 to the assembly method described in documents 2 and 3. Moreover, it is a well-known art to change the rubber capacity of the mount as described in document 4. Therefore, which part of the rubber capacity should be changed is a matter that a person skilled in the art should decide as necessary, and it is a mere matter of design variation that a person skilled in the art can practice as necessary to set the rubber capacity of the mount that a mounting mount provides smaller than the rubber capacity of the mounts on the power source side and on the speed reducer side.</p> <p>The subject matters of claims 7 and 9 do not appear to involve an inventive step in view of documents 1-4 cited in the ISR.</p> <p>Document 1 describes a device for mounting and assembling a power unit, wherein a mounting mount for supporting the power unit at the sub-frame in substantially the same attitude as when the power unit is mounted on a vehicle body frame is provided. Documents 2 and 3 describe a</p>																				

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device for mounting and assembling a power unit, wherein a power unit is supported at a vehicle body frame via a mount. Document 2 describes an invention of the mount having a member to be supported, a supporting member, and mount rubber interposed between the member to be supported and the supporting member that face each other. Document 4 describes an invention in which the rubber capacity of two mounts is changed.

Since documents 1-4 belong to the same technical field of "methods for mounting and assembling a power unit," a person skilled in the art could have easily conceived of supporting a power unit at a vehicle body frame and of applying the mount described in document 2 to the assembly unit described in document 1, as the same method described in documents 2 and 3.

Moreover, it is a well-known art to change the rubber capacity of the mount as described in document 4. Then, which part of rubber capacity should be changed is a matter that a person skilled in the art should decide as necessary, and it is a mere matter of design variation that a person skilled in the art can practice as necessary to set the rubber capacity of the mount that a mounting mount provides smaller than the rubber capacity of the mounts on the power source side and on the speed reducer side.

The subject matters of claims 2, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 11 are neither disclosed in any of the documents cited in the ISR nor obvious to a person skilled in the art.